

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated August 27, 2004, and the references cited therein have been carefully reviewed in light of the Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions.

As a result of the Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rawlings; claims 1, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hill; claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haley; claims 1, 6, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Newton; claims 1, 2, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yeung; claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haley; claims 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rawlings; and, claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCredie. These references have been carefully reviewed but are not believed to show or suggest Applicant's invention as now claimed in any manner. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, and examination and allowance of the newly added claims is therefore respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

By the above amendments, claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claim 14 has been added. New claim 14 includes the substantially all the limitations of claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8, and Applicant believes new claim 14 is patentably distinguishable over the prior in light

of the following comments.

New claim 14 requires a seat for seating and lying and at least an arciform floating member, the seat and the floating members are mutually detachably connected, changing in amount and in positions for combination of the floating members makes the floating kit have multiple functions used in leisure and sports; wherein the seat has a plurality of connecting members, each of the floating members has on one side thereof a plurality of connecting holes; connecting of the seat with at least one of the floating members forms the aquatic floating kit; wherein the connecting holes on one side of each of the floating members are a plurality of engaging holes, and the connecting members of the seat are a plurality of sleeves; at least a connecting rod is provided having one end thereof movably engaged with one of the sleeves of the floating members, the other end of the connecting rod is movably engaged with one of the engaging holes of the floating members; wherein a front end of the seat is connected to a middle area of one of the floating members to make the floating kit a shape of "T" to be used for surfing wherein the floating kit has two of the floating members arranged in an upright mutual abutting state, the seat is orthographically connected on two ends thereof with the floating members on two ends of the latter to make the floating kit a shape of a bow to be used as a rocking horse; and, wherein the floating kit has two of the floating members horizontally and mutually symmetrically arranged, a front and a rear end of the seat are horizontally connected to two ends respectively of a corresponding one of the two floating members to make the floating kit a form of a boat, to be used for rowing.

According to MPEP 2131, a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Neither Rawlings, nor Hill, nor Haley, nor Newton, nor Yeung, taken as a single prior reference, teaches all the claimed limitations as now required by new claim 14. Moreover, Rawlings only discloses a pair of floating members 2, 3, attached to a seat by the interconnections of the nuts on the bolts 4, and further provided with handles 6, 7. Haley fails to teach a floating kit having a T-shaped configuration used for surfing. In order to create the T-shaped configuration, it requires a seat and at least a floating member. Similarly, although the floats of Rawlings may be locked into any desired configuration with respect to the seat, such configuration would not result in a T-shaped configuration. Therefore, in view of foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claim 14 is patentable over the prior art.

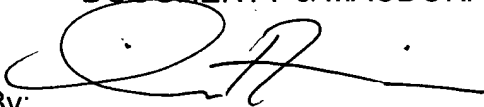
Claims 4, 6, and 9-13 are dependent from claim 14 and are therefore allowable for the reasons provided in connection with claim 14.

The prior art references made of record by the Examiner have each been considered but are not believed to obviate against the allowability of the newly added claim. It is noted that none of these references have been specifically applied by the Examiner against any of the original claims.

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated August 27, 2004, has been addressed and it is believed that claims 1, 4, 6, and 9-14 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of

Allowance be issued in this case.

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